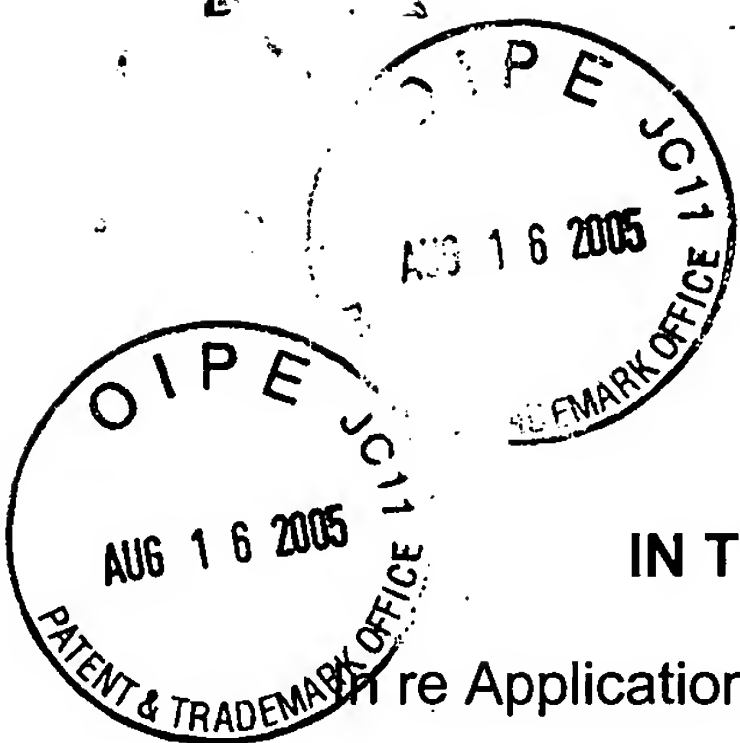


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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2005, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.
Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.